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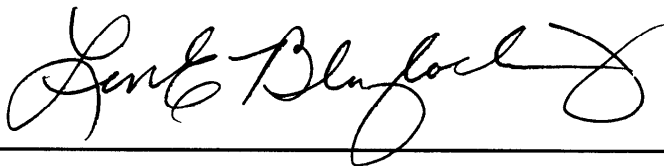
Farm Service Agency
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-130

For: County Offices

**Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1516
and Amendment #1 and #2**

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or
Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective May 7, 2004, President Bush declared a Major disaster declaration in Arkansas based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, flooding, and landslides that occurred on April 19, 2004, and continuing. On May 18, 2004, the declaration was amended closing the incident period effective May 18, 2004.

Disposal

July 1, 2005

Distribution

All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

Those counties are:

Baxter	Franklin	Madison	Searcy	Woodruff
Boone	Jackson	Marion	Stone	
Carroll	Johnson	Newton	Washington	

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Benton	Cross	Lawrence	Pope	Van Buren
Cleburne	Fulton	Logan	Prairie	White
Craighead	Independence	Monroe	Sebastian	
Crawford	Izard	Poinsett	St. Francis	

On May 21, 2004, President Bush amended this declaration to include Independence County and making Sharp County contiguous.

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through January 7, 2005, for physical and production losses. EM loan applications for Independence and Sharp counties will be received through January 21, 2005.

This notification is coded M1516.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is April 19, 2004.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

File in chronological order preceding 3-FLP.

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Exhibit 1

Farm

Service

Agency

NEWS

United States

Department of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., May 7, 2004 -- President Bush declared a Presidential Major Disaster in Arkansas for the following counties. This action is based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, flooding, and landslides that occurred from April 19, 2004 and continuing.

Baxter	Franklin	Madison	Searcy	Woodruff
Boone	Jackson	Marion	Stone	
Carroll	Johnson	Newton	Washington	

The following counties are also eligible because they are contiguous to the disaster declared counties:

Benton	Cross	Lawrence	Pope	Van Buren
Cleburne	Fulton	Logan	Prairie	White
Craighead	Independence	Monroe	Sebastian	
Crawford	Izard	Poinsett	St. Francis	

On May 21, 2004, the declaration was amended to include Independence County and making Sharp County contiguous.

Farmers in the disaster area have until January 7, 2005, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. Farmers in Independence and Sharp counties have until January 21, 2005. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.